



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held July 29, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Burke and Antonovich:

“One of the main priorities for the County of Los Angeles is to provide our residents with the highest quality and most comprehensive healthcare possible. While there are financial constraints and other challenges facing the Department of Health Services (DHS), we believe that the provision of prescription drugs for patients in our systems is an essential component of our mission. It is our understanding that DHS facilities are not accepting Medicare Part D. Given the fact that Medicare is a major provider of prescription drug coverage in our nation, there is concern that DHS has decided to decline to participate in the Medicare Part D program.

“In fact, for the past year, concerns have been raised to the management at DHS to no avail. On June 5, 2007, this Board approved a motion by Supervisor Burke requesting a 15-day report back on this issue. On June 20, 2007, we received a preliminary report indicating that a final report would be issued within 90 days (September 2007). Despite repeated requests from staff for the final report, to date we have received neither the report itself, nor a satisfactory answer. Given the healthcare needs of our population, it is crucial that the Chief Executive Officer and the Department of Health Services make any changes necessary to correct this problem.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, and by common consent, there being no objection (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Chief Executive Officer was directed to work in concert with the Interim Director of Health Services to conduct a comprehensive analysis, citing all the pros and cons, of enabling our healthcare system to accept Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage; and direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back with his findings and recommendations as a set item for 11:00 a.m. at the Board meeting of Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

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- Chief Executive Officer
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- Interim Director of Health Services